

2026 Manifesto for Saint Philip North

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A New Voice. A New Direction.



Greetings

I am Anya Lorde - Attorney-at-Law and advocate for families, children, and vulnerable persons and a lifelong resident of St. Philip. My roots are here. My family is here and my commitment to St. Philip North is personal.

I am offering myself as your representative because I believe leadership must be present, principled and accountable. Our community deserves thoughtful, practical solutions that strengthen families and build long-term resilience.

This manifesto outlines my priorities for St. Philip North. It is grounded in lived experience, professional insight, and the voices of the residents. It focuses on strengthening families, creating opportunity for young people, supporting our elders, and building economic resilience through practical, community driven initiatives. These are not abstract ideas. They are solutions shaped by what our community needs now.

I look forward to partnering with you.

Regards,

Anya Lorde



Active Community Spaces

St. Philip North needs vibrant, accessible spaces where people can gather, connect, and grow. Community spaces do more than host events. They build social capital, reduce isolation, and strengthen sense of belonging.

I will work with residents, community groups and local businesses to identify and activate under-utilised spaces for:

- Youth programmes and activities
- Active ageing initiatives
- Arts & cultural expression
- Community meetings and forums
- Social events that bring neighbours together



After-School & Youth Engagement

Our young people deserve opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. Too many are left under-engaged after school, increasing vulnerability and limiting their potential.

I will champion after-school programmes that support academic success and personal development including:

- Tutoring and homework assistance
- Sport and recreational activities
- Life skills and leadership training
- Mentorship from invested adults in the community

When we invest in our youth, we invest in the future of St. Philip North.

Skills-Based Development & Youth Employment Readiness

Young people in St. Philip North need practical support to transition successfully from school into the workforce. Academic qualifications alone are not enough. Many young people lack access to guidance on workplace readiness and career development.

I will support skills-based development initiatives that help young people build confidence, competence and opportunity, including:

- Résumé and CV writing workshops
- Job interview preparation and professional communication skills
- Career guidance and mentorship
- Partnerships with training institutions and private sector professionals

Skills-Based Development & Youth Employment Readiness cont'd

Skills development must also reflect real opportunities in the economy. I will advocate for community-based skills exposure and training in areas such as carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, agriculture and digital skills, through partnerships with existing training institutions, tradespeople and private sector stakeholders. These initiatives will focus on practical, employable skills, and clear pathways to certification and employment.

By equipping young people with practical, employable skills, we strengthen families, reduce vulnerability, and create pathways to meaningful work.

Opportunity should not depend on who you know. It should be built into the community.

Adult Remedial Education



Many adults in our community are seeking opportunities to improve their skills, confidence, and employment prospects. For some, challenges with basic literacy or numeracy have limited their options and held them back from fully participating in economic life.

While debates about past educational failures are important, they do not help people who need solutions now.

I will advocate for and support:

- Adult remedial education programmes
- Community learning hubs
- Partnerships with educational institutions and NGOs.

These initiatives will restore confidence, support families, and open doors to new opportunities.



Financial Literacy & Wealth Creation

Economic resilience begins with access to knowledge. Too many families feel financially trapped because they lacked the tools to manage money, grow income, and plan for the future.

St. Philip North deserves:

- Workshops on budgeting, saving, and debt management
- Training in entrepreneurship and small business development
- Guidance on investing, planning and wealth creation

Building financial resilience begins at home but should be supported by community and government collaboration.

I will partner with qualified professionals to deliver practical, accessible training that empowers families to build lasting financial stability.



Legal Clinics & Access To Justice

Access to legal information should not depend on one's income. Many residents need guidance on everyday legal matters that affect their families and livelihoods.

I will host community legal clinics providing information on:

- Wills and estate planning
- Tenancy and housing rights
- Family law issues
- Small business and entrepreneurship matters

Knowledge empowers people to protect their interests and plan for the future.

Support For Older Residents

Our elderly residents have contributed immensely to our family and our nations. They deserve dignity, inclusion and opportunities to remain active and connected.

I will advocate for and support:

- Community-based senior engagement and welfare programmes.
- Access to day care and respite services
- Partnerships with organisations already serving older adults

Active ageing strengthens not only individuals, but entire communities.



Domestic Violence Awareness & Support

Domestic violence remains one of Barbados' most urgent and under-addressed social challenges. Its effects ripple through families and communities, often hidden but deeply damaging.

I will work to ensure that awareness and support are visible, accessible and compassionate through:

- Educational workshops on prevention and early intervention
- Clear, practical information on how to access help
- Partnerships with organisations that support survivors

Safer families create stronger communities.

St. Philip North Farmers First Initiative



St. Philip North is home to hardworking farmers who play a critical role in food security and economic activity. Yet may face challenges accessing markets and competing with imports.

Through the St. Philip North Farmers First Initiative, I will:

- Develop a comprehensive database of farmers in the constituency
- Engage with farmers directly to understand their needs
- Promote the use of locally produced food and meat in community institutions before sourcing externally

This initiative will support food security and economic opportunity for local producers.

Roads, Drainage & Community Infrastructure

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Safe and reliable infrastructure is essential to quality of life. Across St. Philip North, residents continue to raise concerns about poor road conditions, uncovered or damaged wells, inadequate draining and inconsistent road clearing and debushing.

These issues affect safety, mobility and public health. This is particularly true for children, older residents and persons with disabilities.

While responsibility for infrastructure ultimately rests with government agencies, I will be persistent and vocal advocate for:

- The covering, repair and maintenance of wells and drainage systems
- Road repairs and road surfacing
- Regular road clearing and de-bushing to improve visibility and safety
- Improved street lighting in areas where residents feel unsafe

Representation means ensuring that infrastructure concerns are not only raised but followed through consistently and responsibly.

Measuring Success & Accountability

Success will be measured through participation, outcomes and community feedback rather than arbitrary numerical targets. Each initiative will begin with needs assessment and pilot implementation, followed by ongoing evaluation to determine effectiveness, reach and sustainability. Progress will be reviewed through regular engagement with residents, partners and community organizations, with adjustments made where necessary to ensure resources are used responsibly and programmes respond to real needs. Transparency, responsiveness and continuous improvement will guide all efforts.

OUR SHARED VISION

I believe leadership must be:

- consistent
- accountable
- rooted in respect for people

Representation is more than a title - it is reflected in daily engagement, thoughtful advocacy, and tangible outcomes.

This manifesto is not a list of promises.

It is a plan for partnership – with you, your neighbours, and the future of our community.

When families rise, communities rise.

And when communities rise, Barbados rises.